(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has sanctioned one India Reserve Battalion (Bharat Rakshit Vahini) to the Government of Madhya Pradesh with financial assistance of Rs. 13 crores towards its initial raising cost. The State Government has initiated steps to raise the same. After the Battalion is raised the Government may utilize it on counter Naxalite duties if it so desires.

Non-utilization of funds by Naxal affected States

†1012. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States are unable to fully utilize the funds given by the central Government to tackle the problem of naxalism;

(b) if so, whether the main reason thereof is the inability of the States to make 50 per cent contribution due to their poor economic condition;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to free the Naxalism affected States from making their contribution and that Central Government should provide 100 per cent assistance; and

(d) if so, by when it will be done and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (d) A large portion of the funds allocated under the erstwhile Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme for Naxalite affected States remained unutilized mainly due to the rate of reimbursement being 50% and its specified scope with regard to number of eligible items.

In view of the above, the scheme has been comprehensively revised in February, 2005. It now envisages reimbursement of 100% subject to prescribed maximum items for certain items for the expenditure incurred on ex-gratia grant paid to families of the victims of Naxalite violence, special training given to State Police personnel, insurance for State Police personnel involved in anti-Naxalite operations, a lumpsum grant to Village Defence Committees (VDCs)/Nagrik Suraksha Samitis (NSSs), rehabilitation of Naxalite surrenderee, publicity material, hiring of vehicles, weapons or

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communication equipment not covered under the Police Modernisation (PM) Scheme, logistic and camp facilities to the CPMFs (75%), etc.

To enable the States to make full utilization of funds under the scheme, the Government has also decided to make advance payments under the scheme.

Scrapping of security plan at the official residences of MPs

1013. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area security plan for deployment of security men at the official residences of the Members of Parliament has been scrapped; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rape and abduction cases in the country

†1014. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape and abduction are on the increase in the country particularly in National Capital Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau the incidence of rape and kidnapping and abduction in the country as well as National Capital Region (NCR) during 2001 to 2003 is as given below:

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